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Restriction Requirement

The claims in the application were restricted into the following three groups:

I Claims 1-18, drawn to a rotary trimmer with a biasing member, classified in class 83, subclass 564.

II Claims 19-27 are drawn to a rotary trimmer with an actuator and a connecting element, classified in class 30, subclass 162.

III Claims 28-32, 37 and 38 are drawn to a connecting element, classified in class 83, subclass 698.11.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II.

Election of Species

The application is also subject to an election of species requirement between the following species.

- I Species in figure 1.
- II Species in figures 2 and 3.
- III Species in figures 4 and 5.
- IV Species in figure 6.
- V Species in figure 7.
- VI Species in figures 8 and 9.
- VII Species in figure 10.
- VIII Species in figures 11 and 12.
- IX Species in figures 13 and 14.
- X Species in figures 15 and 16.
- XI Species in figure 17.
- XII Species in figure 18.
- XIII Species in figure 19.
- XIV Species in figure 20.
- XV Species in figure 21.
- XVI Species in figure 22.

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Applicant hereby elects Species I (Figure 1). Claims 19-29 read upon Species I.

Applicant notes that the election of species is solely to facilitate an examination search, and that Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. It is understood that if the claims of the elected species are found allowable over the prior art, the Examiner will expand the search to include other species.

The Office Action states that currently no claim is generic. The Applicants submit that with the amendments to claim 19, it is generic to at least the following species: Species I, II, VI-VIII, and X-XVI.